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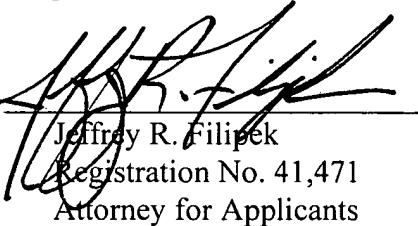
- b. [X] a foreign patent office search report submitted herewith,
- c. [] the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page ,
- d. [X] the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
- e. [X] the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference: References U.S. 4,554,843, U.S. 5,988,679, EP 1170194A1, & DE 19542472C1 all correspond to each other; References EP 0802104B1, GB 2092967, & WO 97/16337 all correspond to each other; References U.S. 6,073,965, EP 0443881A2, EP 0856 451B1, & DE 69708037T2 all correspond to each other; and References U.S. 6,092,955, EP 0887245B1, & DE 69801871T2 all correspond to each other.

5. [X] A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

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